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1. SUMMARY. TWO PRIMARY THEMES PERMEATED CONGRESS RHETORIC: EFFORTS TOWARD GENERAL INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH IN DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY, AND NECESSITY FOR CHANGES IN EDUCATION SYSTEM. SHARPEST RHETORIC WAS RESERVED FOR LATTER, WITH SPECIFIC ATTENTION TOWARD NONCONFORMIST STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS PORTENDING CONTINUING EFFORT TO EXERCISE TIGHTER CONTROL THAN IN PAST. END SUMMARY

2. NINTH CONGRESS OF UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH OF YUGSLAVIA (USY) ENDED NOV 23. PRELIMINARY STUDY OF RESULTS INDICATES TWO PRIMARY THEMES. FIRST, OVERALL AIM OF NEW USY (FORMED THIS YEAR TO COMBINE OLD YOUTH AND STUDENT UNIONS), IS WIDEST POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH ON SIDE OF LCY IN MAKING SELF-MANAGEMENT WORK. EFFECTS OF THEIR INSUFFICIENT ORGANIZATION AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE PAST HAVE RANGED FROM "LIBERALISM, FALSE AVANT-GRADISM, AND PETTY BOURGEOIS ATTITUDES TO INFILTRATION OF RELIGION". (COMMISSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITY OF YOUTH IN NOV 23 PLITIKA).

TO COUNTERACT THESE DETRIMENTAL INFLUENCES ON YOUTH, CONGRESS DELEGATES ADVOCATED BETTER STUDY AND UNDERSTANDING OF NEW CONSTITUTION AND WORK RELATIONS, MAXIMUM YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN BASIC ORGANIZATIONS OF ASSOCIATED LABOR, AND INVOLVEMENT OF USY IN ALL ASPECTS OF YOUTH ACTIVITY AS GUIDE AND CONTROL.

3. SECOND THEME WAS SUMMARIZED IN NOV 23 POLITIKA REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION: "EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AT PRESENT DOES NOT ANSWER TO AIMS AND DEMANDS OF SOCIETY AND ITS REFORM IS PRIORITY TASK OF USY." REFORM SHOULD ATTACK SEVERAL TARGETS INCLUDING IN CONTENT OF INSTRUCTION, AND ATTITUDES OF INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS. EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, MUST BE FOUNDED UPON "MARXIST SCIENCE AND OUT SOCIALIST PRACTICE" SAID NEW USY PRESIDENT AZEM VLASI (BORBA NOV 22). THERE IS NO PLACE IN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED VALUES OF SELF-MANAGEMENT SOCIALISM, CONCLUDED EDUCATION COMMITTEE (POLITIKA NOV 24), AND VLASI ELABORATED "WE WILL...BE EXTREMELY RESOLUTE IN STRUGGLE AGAINST OPPOSITION GROUPS RALLIED AROUND INDIVIDUAL FACULTIES AND PERIODICALS, WHO ARE...EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE CONTRARY TO LCY POLICY."

4. SEPARATION BETWEEN "INTELLIGENTSIA" (PRIMARILY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND TEACHERS) AND WORKING CLASS IS ADDITIONAL TARGET FOR ACTION. POINTING OUT FUNDS SET ASIDE BY WORKING CLASS FOR EDUCATION, VLASI SAID, "THE CONTRIBUTION OF INTELLIGENTSIA TO OUR SOCIETY CAN BE ASSESSED BY HOW MUCH IT PLACES ITS...ABILITIES IN SERVICE OF...INTERESTS OF WORKING CLASS AND OF ITS OWN, FOR IT HAS NO SPECIAL INTERESTS OUTSIDE THOSE OF WORKING CLASS."

5. CONGRESS, WITH ABOVE, ATTEMPTS ATTACK ON TWO AREAS OF CONCERN: DISINTEREST OF YOUTH IN GENERAL IN SELF-MANAGEMENT, AND SPECIFIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCIDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OPPOSITION. NATURALLY THE LATTER COMES IN FOR SHARPER ATTENTION. WHILE USY ITSELF WILL PROBABLY GENERATE LITTLE IMPORTANT ACTION AGAINST NONCONFORMIST STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS, ITS RHETORIC WOULD SEEM BOTH SIGN OF LCY/GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE AND PROMISE OF OFFICIAL ACTION TO COME. ENDORSEMENT OF CONGRESS IN TITO'S SPEECH TO OPENING SESSION (REF B)

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